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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY MAY 7, 2004

1. This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for May 7, 2004. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

POLITICAL, SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS

2. Bolge, Evrensel / Workers' Party members, DEHAP and Socialist Platform members gathered at Adana's Inonu Park to protest against growing Islamic fundamentalism in the government, and the situation in Turkish prisons.

CULTURE and TOURISM

3. Hurriyet Cukurova / In Samandag, Hatay province, where a large Christian community resides, Samandag District head Semir Aydin announced that he is going to start an Annual International Easter Festival.